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Indo-US-Japan Maritime Security
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India, USA and Japan have agreed to work together to maintain maritime security through greater collaboration and strengthen regional connectivity; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a) & (b) On 29 September 2015, at the inaugural India-US-Japan Trilateral Ministerial Dialogue held in New York, the three countries agreed to work together to maintain maritime security through greater collaboration, considering the growing convergence of their respective interests in the Indo-Pacific region. Japan participated in the 19th edition of India-US Naval Exercise 'Malabar', held in Bay of Bengal in October 2015.

In an effort to capitalize on collective capacities in promoting regional economic linkages, an expert-level group on regional connectivity to identify collaborative efforts that can help strengthen regional connectivity, including between South and Southeast Asia, was launched at the inaugural India-US-Japan Trilateral Ministerial Dialogue.